

How to:

Pilots License

Our audience is filled with the best of aviation enthusiasts. We have many pilots and non-pilots who all share the same passion. I am going to dedicate today's article to the non-pilots in our community. For most people getting a pilot's license is the hardest part. From beginning to end you will be challenged with one of the most dangerous activities one can do. Today I plan to share with you how to get your pilot's license and what you can benefit from by receiving a license.

The first step of planning to get a pilot's license is to make sure that you meet the requirements to be a pilot. To obtain your pilot's license you must be at least 17 years of age. If you are looking to fly a glider or hot air balloon, then you only must be 16 years of age. The other main proficiency of being a pilot is that you have good English and writing skills as they will become vital along the process of receiving a pilot's license.

If you meet these requirements, then you will be now looking for where and how you plan to build your hours. You first need to find a flight school. They can be found at almost all airports and offer multiple instructors. It is important to find an instructor that you feel is passionate and a good teacher while building hours in an aircraft. You will need to obtain 40 hours of flying before you can receive your license. There will be various night flying, studying, and light practice that will take up a lot of your time.

As you continue to build hours, it's important to focus on the written aspect of the flight training process. Classes can be taken through ground schools at airports, or you can look at online options to complete your certification. You will also need to study for your final exam. With enough practice you will become comfortable with the airplane but will lack the education to certain situations. Once you have completed your ground school as well as the required 40 hours, you're ready to take the FAA Private Knowledge Test

Your first goal will be to take an airplane up by yourself and bring it back safely. By this point your instructor believes that you have the skill to be left alone inside of an aircraft. You will begin by completing some short runs which will gradually turn into long distance solo flights. If you have completed everything stated before then you are ready for your check ride. This is done by an FAA examiner and will be the final decision to whether you receive your pilot's license. All the training that you completed will be tested in the cockpit during this session. In conclusion our community is embedded with passionate aviation enthusiasts. Most of us have not received our pilot's license.